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This is a request for a ☒ Continuation or ☐ Divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA) of prior application number 09/037,674, filed on March 9, 1998, entitled SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES PASSIVATION FILM.

Enclosed for filing with the above-identified utility patent application, please find the following:

1. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
2. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on .
3. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
4. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)(4).
  - a. ☐ Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
    - b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
5. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
6. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
  - a. ☐ PTO-1449
  - b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations (Number of References: )
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  - a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed, if (b) and (c) do not apply.
  - b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
  - c. ☐ Is no longer claimed.
2. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit any underpayments or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.
  - a. ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.
  - b. ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.
  - c. ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18.
3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$710.00 is enclosed.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the Office Action having a mailing date of September 27, 2000 (Paper No. 19). Enclosed herewith is a petition for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the time period for response from December 27, 2000 to January 27, 2001, as well as a check in the amount of \$110.00 as the fee for such extension. Please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970. Although the Applicant believes that no fees are due for filing this Amendment and Response, please charge any fees deemed necessary to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

For the convenience of the Examiner, all pending claims are provided.

25. (Amended) A semiconductor device comprising:  
a semiconductor substrate;  
wirings located on the semiconductor substrate; and

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